

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, September 18, 2006 - 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 4**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (72 new fires)  
 New large fires: 1 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 33  
 Area Command Teams: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 7  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 10  
 Fire Use Teams: 2

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

Australia and New Zealand assisting with 67 fire specialists and managers.

**Northern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 22  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Bar Complex** (four fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. Preparing for a transfer of command from IMT 1 (Feser) to IMT 1 (Molumby). IMT 2 (Johnson) also assigned. Twelve miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. Timber and brush. Running and torching. Numerous structures threatened. Structure protection, road closures and evacuations in effect.

**Uncles Complex** (three fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Sinclear). IMT also managing Happy Camp. Eighteen miles northeast of Orleans, CA. Old growth timber and brush. Minimal fire activity. Historical structures and cultural resources threatened.

**Happy Camp** (two fires), Klamath NF. Thirteen miles south of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire activity. Cultural sites threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Bar Complex	CA	SHF	71,358	47	9/30	1,099	62	89	40	0	38.3M	FS
Uncles Complex	CA	KNF	23,190	50	10/3	176	5	0	7	0	13.9M	FS
Happy Camp	CA	KNF	6,130	95	9/24	31	1	1	0	0	13M	FS
Ralston	CA	TNF	8,423	100	---	400	6	10	3	2	13.1M	FS

TNF – Tahoe NF

### **Southern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 23  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 4  
Area Command Teams: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Area Command Team (Waterbury) ordered.

**Day**, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Twenty-two miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Chaparral and timber. Active fire behavior. Structures, watershed, campgrounds, power and gas lines and communication sites threatened.

**Ranch**, Riverside Unit, CDF. Five miles northeast of Beaumont, CA. Brush and grass. Running fire. Road closures and evacuation orders lifted.

**Sawmill**, Inyo NF. Thirty-six miles northwest of Bishop, CA. Chaparral, pinyon pine and juniper. Smoldering, creeping and torching . Community of Benton threatened.

**Orchard**, Riverside Unit, CDF. Three miles southwest of Calimesa, CA. Brush and grass. Minimal activity.

**Frog Complex**, Yosemite NP. One mile west of Laurel Lake, CA. Red fir and brush. Previously reported WFU. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Day	CA	LPF	60,589	15	UNK	2,062	56	127	15	0	15.1M	FS
* Ranch	CA	RRU	1,400	15	9/18	361	12	49	4	3	NR	ST
Sawmill	CA	INF	7,524	45	9/20	311	12	10	4	3	1.5M	FS
Orchard	CA	RRU	1,536	90	9/18	50	2	5	0	7	NR	ST
Frog Complex - WFU	CA	YNP	6,009	N/A	N/A	4	0	0	0	0	936K	NPS

### **Northern Rockies (PL 3)**

New fires: 4  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 6  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Derby** (two fires), Gallatin NF. IMT 1 (Stanich). Fifteen miles south of Big Timber, MT. Timber, grass and heavy dead and down fuels. Minimal fire activity.

**Heaven's Gate Complex** (four fires), Nez Perce NF. IMT 2 (Grant). Nine miles west of Riggins, ID. Grass and timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Paradise Valley Complex** (three fires), Gallatin NF. Twenty-nine miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Revett Complex**, Idaho Panhandle NF. Five miles southeast of Murray, ID. Timber and brush. Isolated torching, smoldering. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Holland Peak**, Flathead NF. Five miles east of Condon, MT. Timber. Smoldering and creeping. No new information reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

**Ulm Peak**, Idaho Panhandle NF. Twelve miles southwest of Noxon, MT. Subalpine fir, hemlock and brush. Minimal fire activity. No new information reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Derby	MT	GNF	237,000	85	10/15	574	10	26	4	47	18.9M	FS
Heaven's Gate Complex	ID	NPF	42,300	60	11/15	119	1	0	0	0	6.6M	FS
Paradise Valley Complex	MT	GNF	21,400	55	NR	45	1	3	4	0	9.4M	FS
Revett Complex	ID	IPF	155	0	10/31	4	0	0	0	0	90K	FS
Holland Peak	MT	FNF	1,840	50	10/31	2	0	1	0	0	1.3M	FS
Ulm Peak	ID	IPF	4,200	15	11/1	28	0	1	0	0	4.1M	FS

#### **Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 16  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 11  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5  
 Fire Use Teams: 1

**Tripod Complex** (two fires), Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Anderson) to IMT 2 (Gormley) on 9/19. IMT also managing the Tatoosh Complex and Van Peak fires. Seven miles northeast of Winthrop, WA. Mixed conifer. Creeping.

**Columbia Complex**, Southeast, Washington DNR. IMT 2 (Jennings). Fifteen miles northeast of Walla Walla, WA. Grass, brush and timber. Smoldering, creeping and single tree torching. Residences, a ski area and commercial resources threatened.

**Flick Creek**, North Cascades NP. FUMT (Furlong). FUMT also managing Tinpan WFU. One mile east of Stehekin, WA. Mixed conifer. Smoldering.

**Elkhorn Complex** (three fires), Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (Goheen). Sixteen miles northwest of Baker City, OR. Timber and dead and down fuels. Minimal fire behavior.

**Twin Lakes Complex** (two fires), Wallowa-Whitman NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Lunde) to local unit today. Twenty-one miles southeast of Joseph, OR. Timber. Smoldering in heavy fuels.

**Polallie**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Reed) to local unit today. Fifteen miles northwest of Cle Elum, WA. Subalpine fir, lodgepole pine and brush. Minimal fire activity.

**Tinpan**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Seven miles west of Lucerne, WA. Timber. Smoldering.

**Cedar Creek**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles southwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

**Tatoosh Complex** (six fires), Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Twenty-four miles northwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Monitoring by air.

**Van Peak**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Thirty-one miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber and dead and down fuels. Minimal fire activity. Monitoring by air.

**Puzzle**, Willamette NF. Southeast of Idanha, OR. Timber and dead and down fuels. Creeping and smoldering.

**Shake Table Complex**, Malheur NF. Nine miles southeast of Dayville, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Tripod Complex	WA	OWF	174,540	70	10/1	978	21	39	7	2	81M	FS
Columbia Complex	WA	SES	109,196	80	10/15	981	21	53	6	28	30.5M	ST
Flick Creek	WA	NCP	7,882	50	UNK	97	3	0	1	0	3.9M	NPS
Elkhorn Complex	OR	WWF	966	80	UNK	275	9	0	1	0	3.6M	FS
Twin Lakes Complex	OR	WWF	12,069	80	10/1	286	6	3	1	0	4.1M	FS
Polallie	WA	OWF	962	57	UNK	146	2	3	1	0	3M	FS
Tinpan – WFU	WA	OWF	9,247	N/A	N/A	31	1	0	1	0	8.1M	FS
Cedar Creek	WA	OWF	1,646	75	UNK	23	1	0	0	0	2.7M	FS
Tatoosh Complex	WA	OWF	50,340	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	33K	FS
Van Peak	WA	OWF	1,749	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
Puzzle	OR	WIF	6,340	70	UNK	51	2	0	0	0	6.9M	FS
Shake Table Complex	OR	MAF	14,453	96	9/20	115	2	5	0	0	NR	FS
Bybee Complex – WFU	OR	CLP	2,930	N/A	N/A	60	1	1	1	0	1.9M	NPS

CLP – Crater Lake National Park

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 2  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Area Command Teams 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1  
 Fire Use Teams: 1

Area Command Team (Loach) managing large fires on the Boise and Salmon-Challis National Forests.

**Rattlesnake Complex** (two fires), Boise NF. IMT 1 (Muir). Thirteen miles northeast of Garden Valley, ID. Subalpine fir, pine and grass. Torching, creeping and smoldering. Cultural resources threatened. Structure protection in place.

**Red Mountain**, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Broyles). Sixteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Subalpine fir and lodgepole pine. Isolated torching, creeping and smoldering . Campgrounds, fisheries habitat and cultural sites threatened.

**East Roaring**, Boise NF. Thirteen miles northeast of Pine, ID. Timber. Interior torching, creeping and smoldering.

**Middle Fork Complex** (thirteen fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Lund). IMT also managing Boundary Complex. Thirty miles west of Challis, ID. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Boundary Complex** (four fires), Salmon-Challis NF. Fourteen miles southeast of Landmark, ID. Timber and heavy dead and down fuels. Smoldering.

**South Fork Complex** (26 fires), Payette NF. FUMT (Reinarz). Thirteen miles east of McCall, ID. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences, communications sites and a lookout threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Rattlesnake Complex	ID	BOF	44,904	61	10/15	408	10	11	7	0	11.5M	FS
Red Mountain	ID	BOF	35,482	85	9/19	575	16	14	5	0	12.1M	FS
East Roaring	ID	BOF	3,185	75	UNK	97	3	2	1	0	3M	FS
Middle Fork Complex	ID	SCF	41,978	85	9/18	108	0	7	1	0	2.6M	FS
Boundary Complex	ID	SCF	26,888	70	9/20	71	3	3	0	0	4.3M	FS
South Fork Complex	ID	PAF	51,594	20	10/3	87	0	4	0	0	11.6M	FS
Payette WFU Complex	ID	PAF	10,884	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	2.5M	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 3  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Purdy**, Shoshone NF. Twenty-one miles west of Dubois, WY. Timber and sagebrush. Minimal fire activity.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Purdy	WY	SHF	22,613	85	9/30	44	1	2	0	0	10.6M	FS

**Eastern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 1  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**SUF – East Zone Complex** (four fires), Superior NF. IMT 2 (Stegmeir). Thirty miles north of Tofte, MN. Timber and blow down. Minimal fire activity. Residences and commercial resources threatened.

**Coal Creek**, Missouri Department of Conservation. One mile southeast of Clinton, MO. Timber and grass. Running, torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SUF - East Zone Complex	MN	SUF	6,061	0	10/1	147	3	10	4	0	400K	FS
Coal Creek Fire	MO	MOS	259	60	9/18	16	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

### **Predictive Services Discussion**

**Gusty, offshore winds are expected in Southern California today.** A weather system will approach the Pacific Northwest coast today with showers for portions of the Northwest and northern Idaho. Areas of California and the southern Great Basin will experience dry, windy conditions on Tuesday ahead of the cold front. The weather system will spread rain and mountain snow eastward over the northern Great Basin, Montana, and Wyoming Tuesday through Thursday. Dry, offshore flow with gusty winds will return to California Thursday and continue into the weekend. Northern Minnesota will have showers today, and then dry out through mid-week ahead the next storm system on Friday.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3				10	3	16
	ACRES	2				161	0	163
Northern California	FIRES	3	1			16	2	22
	ACRES	2	0			159	1,722	1,883
Southern California	FIRES		1			14	8	23
	ACRES		5			600	49,377	49,982
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					20	0	20
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	0	2
	ACRES		0			1	459	460
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
TOTAL	FIRES	6	5	0	0	44	17	72
	ACRES	4	5	0	0	941	51,559	52,509

### Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	16	9	3	242	1	276
	ACRES	67	3,942	82,654	1,322	181,505	0	269,490
Northwest	FIRES	211	418	46	33	1,160	1,452	3,320
	ACRES	8,217	386,544	528	5,561	143,892	333,356	878,098
Northern California	FIRES	131	69	17	25	2,957	909	4,108
	ACRES	234	5,810	135	10	92,002	166,443	264,634
Southern California	FIRES	85	79	10	53	1,931	730	2,888
	ACRES	307	4,322	7	6,471	67,268	163,091	241,466
Northern Rockies	FIRES	932	60	45	19	1,097	1,224	3,377
	ACRES	53,866	117,230	83,904	17,677	307,823	353,327	933,827
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	76	1,088	3	54	846	784	2,851
	ACRES	6,649	742,221	3	14,417	129,849	280,460	1,173,599
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	710	33	25	145	153	1,074
	ACRES	379	1,228,143	41,289	560	157,506	40,357	1,468,234
Southwest	FIRES	931	341	12	128	2,191	1,831	5,434
	ACRES	15,914	32,694	10,161	7,647	512,746	181,925	761,087
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	874	747	46	58	1,179	596	3,500
	ACRES	36,977	24,602	2,143	688	218,364	37,846	320,620
Eastern Area	FIRES	587		46	61	11,764	647	13,105
	ACRES	5,856		1,452	255	75,790	47,879	131,232
Southern Area	FIRES	1,112		175	48	40,013	1,036	42,384
	ACRES	170,414		16,803	19,212	2,147,201	53,501	2,407,131
TOTAL	FIRES	4,952	3,528	442	507	63,525	9,363	82,317
	ACRES	298,880	2,545,508	239,079	73,820	4,033,946	1,658,185	8,849,418

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>62,057</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,973,364</b>

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				20			20
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	20	0	0	20

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		7		8
	ACRES			9,610		2,429		12,039
Northwest	FIRES	15	121	54	1	1	230	422
	ACRES	6,852	10,396	6,702	98	180	30,021	54,249
Northern California	FIRES	17	23	20	4	13	104	181
	ACRES	207	2,991	26,950	66	18	4,717	34,949
Southern California	FIRES		6	8	6	2	65	87
	ACRES		870	320	909	21	2,689	4,809
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	141	2	33	292	489
	ACRES	40	4,344	24,122	268	3,177	36,550	68,501
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	6	22	7	3	5	54	97
	ACRES	1,611	3,086	2,429	1,870	129	22,987	32,112
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4	1		1	14
	ACRES		2,565	14	49		1,085	3,713
Southwest	FIRES	35	21	5	11		140	212
	ACRES	4,710	13,270	8,456	4,081		51,095	81,612
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	21	99	15	34	96	296
	ACRES	4,424	5,821	20,890	8,996	1,767	28,889	70,787
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		561	35	1,544	149	2,329
	ACRES	15,175		62,208	4,959	76,104	29,049	187,495
Southern Area	FIRES	22		166	64	14,926	864	16,042
	ACRES	6,639		73,121	33,331	943,701	683,132	1,739,924
TOTAL	FIRES	167	242	1,066	142	16,565	1,995	20,177
	ACRES	39,658	43,343	234,822	54,627	1,027,526	890,214	2,290,190

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**WFU Fires and Acres Year to Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			3		1		4
	ACRES			300		10		310
Northwest	FIRES		1		4		3	8
	ACRES		3		2,930		9,106	12,039
Northern California	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				0		1,495	1,495
Southern California	FIRES				32		13	45
	ACRES				9,069		12,166	21,235
Northern Rockies	FIRES				6		111	117
	ACRES				2,205		25,204	27,409
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1			4		74	79
	ACRES	105			1,095		36,957	38,157
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4		7			11
	ACRES		2,578		323			2,901
Southwest	FIRES				19		33	52
	ACRES				315		35,926	36,241
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6		1		6	13
	ACRES		0		0		10,230	10,230
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,697	1,697
Southern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				63		3,739	3,802
TOTAL	FIRES	1	11	3	77	1	252	345
	ACRES	105	2,581	300	16,000	10	136,520	155,516

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**Resources Status: Committed Resources**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	29	59	24	127	8	18	1		620	703
Northern California	75	20	49	72	47	7	7		1316	300
Southern California	37	59	29	175	20	10	8		124	204
Northern Rockies	12	4	3	31	6	7	1		251	128
Eastern Great Basin	22	11	14	30	1	13	1		323	179
Western Great Basin			3							
Southwest			1						2	
Rocky Mountain	1		5	7					18	4
Eastern Area	3		5	8	1	4			134	53
Southern Area				5					16	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>1,629</b>

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